Energy recovery from Urban, Municipal and Industrial Wastes, offering fiscal and financial incentives, has been launched in June 1995, aiming to tap the potential for power generation from these wastes in the country. Project proposals have been solicited/invited from all concerned including Urban Local Bodies, through advertisements, seminars, workshops, interactive/business meets and personal discussions.

Scheme of MCI to open New Medical Colleges

513. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India have notified - any scheme in the recent past for opening new medical colleges in various States of the Country; and

(b) if so, the details of medical colleges to be set up and the funds allocated for each college and the time-schedule laid down by the Government for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme notified by the Medical Council of India contains eligibility criteria, forms and procedures including project cost, means of financing, revenue assumptions etc. and application fee and registration procedure. A period of one year has been prescribed under the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 for processing of application for setting up of a medical college.

Exorbitant rates of food supplied in running trains

514. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that food is provided in trains at exorbitant rates;

(b) whether Government propose to supply food-items at a subsidised rate; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the common Second Class passengers are paying high fare to compensate the free passengers in the 1st Class and AC Class trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Food in the trains is provided as per tarrif prescribed by the Railways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. In fact Railways are incurring heavy losses in Second Class ordinary service.

Construction of Rail Lines in Maharashtra

515. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for construction of new railway line in-cluding the Solapur-Beed-Aurangabad, Pandharpur-Lonand, Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli and Kolhapur-Ratnagiri;

(b) if so, whether survey and alignment work in respect thereof has been done; if so, to what extent;

(c) what is the estimated cost of each of these projects; and

(d) by when the work thereon is likely to be taken in hand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey for orily Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath new line has been conducted and the work has been included in the Budget for 1995-96. Actual construction of this line will be